

Watergate Check

Prober to Mexico

MIAMI — (AP) — Dade County State Attorney Richard Gerstein said today he is expanding to Mexico his investigation of finances linked to the Watergate bugging affair and is confident he can get a full court hearing of the case before the November election.

Gerstein, a Democrat, said he plans to send investigator Martin Dardis to Mexico City next week to trace "the path" of four checks worth \$89,000 drawn on a Mexican bank which wound up in the Florida bank account of Bernard L. Barker.

Notary Fraud

Barker, one of five men arrested in the break-in at Democratic National Head-

quarters, was charged Sept. 14 by Gerstein with falsely using his notary public seal on a check he deposited in his Miami bank account.

Gerstein said his Mexico investigation was to establish if there had been any banking violations under Florida law.

Interview Lawyer

He said he wanted Dardis to interview Mexico City lawyer Manuel Ogarrio Daguerra about the four checks which were endorsed by Daguerra that turned up in Barker's bank account.

"I'm making every effort to get this business into court before November," Gerstein said. "The Mexico angle will not delay our plans at all."